

"If You Let The People Know, They Can Act Intelligently"

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## GOONS SHOOT YESHIVA YOUTH DEFENDING PURIM CELEBRATION

**National Jewish Post**  
NEW YORK—Fritz Stern, 17-year-old religious chalutz who five weeks ago returned from Palestine, lies in the Jewish Memorial Hospital here this week with a bullet wound in his chest as a result of a bitter scuffle with hoodlums who tried to barge into a yeshiva to disturb a Purim masquerade affair.

According to on-the-scene witnesses, Fritz, who is a member of Hashomer Hadati, the religious-Zionist pioneer movement, was standing in front of the Yeshiva Moshe Soloveitchik, Washington Heights, last Saturday night, when five hoodlums accosted him with drawn knives and attempted to force their way into the hall where the Purim affair was being held.

Fritz produced a pocketknife and began to offer resistance when he was joined by two husky lads who came out from the Yeshiva building.

Together with both boys, one of whom was a former member of the Irgun, the other a member of the Hagana, Fritz pummeled his attackers into retreat. But within a few moments, the hoodlums returned with five others who shouted anti-Semitic epithets and began to molest the three youths. In ensuing melee, Fritz was shot in the chest.

Dr. Bernard Lander, of the Mayor's Committee on Unity which deals with juvenile delinquency and community relations, informed The Post that several of the attackers were apprehended several days after the incident. Among them was the hoodlum who had fired the shot. They are now being arraigned on felonious assault charges.

## UN Palestine Body Ready To Drop Work

**Jewish Telegraphic Agency**

LAKE SUCCESS—The United Nations Palestine commission, which last week announced it intended to go ahead with implementing the partition decision, gave in this week to the pressure of events.

The Commission announced it had decided its advance party, now in Palestine, should return for the General Assembly Special session.

## Steinbrink Faces Gross Slander Suit

**Special**

NEW YORK—Rabbi Louis D. Gross, editor and publisher of the Jewish Examiner, said this week that if he does not receive a retraction soon from Justice Meier Steinbrink, national chairman of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, he will file suit for slander.

The slander charges developed from Rabbi Gross editorial criticism of B'nai B'rith for its rejection of affiliation with the American Jewish Assembly, proposed permanent successor to the American Jewish Conference.

Rabbi Gross charged that Steinbrink had made several statements reflecting on the publisher's personal integrity "as the proper way to answer the Examiner's criticism of B'nai B'rith" for withdrawing from the Assembly.

### Rejects Private Hearing

Steinbrinker wrote Rabbi Gross that he had been misinformed and proposed to thresh matters out at a private meeting. Gross rejected the proposal and demanded an open hearing.

"If I do not receive a retraction from him within the next few days," Rabbi Gross said, "I will instruct my attorney to bring an action against him for slander."

### Many Britons Would Serve

**Jewish Telegraphic Agency**

LONDON—Large numbers of youthful British volunteers, many of them veterans of the RAF, have applied to the United Nations information office here for service with any U. N. force which may be sent to Palestine to keep order there, it was revealed here.

## U.S. Urges Indefinite Trusteeship; Jews Call Plan 'New White Paper'

**Combined Wire Service**

LAKE SUCCESS—The United States, at informal meetings with United Nations delegations this week, disclosed details of its proposal for an indefinite trusteeship for Palestine. The U. S. plans to fight for that proposal at the special session of the General Assembly opening April 16 at the request of the U. S. to consider anew the Palestine problem.

## 250,000 CHEER AS 50,000 VETERANS MARCH DOWN FIFTH AVE. IN PROTEST

**Combined Wire Services**

NEW YORK—More than 50,000 veterans of all faiths marched down Fifth Avenue Sunday in a huge parade before a crowd estimated at more than 250,000 spectators to protest the United States scuttling of the Palestine partition decision.

The Jewish War Veterans were joined by at least 10,000 Catholic, Protestant and Negro veterans of both World Wars. Among the veterans were many wounded and maimed victims and several legless veterans.

The banners proclaimed: "We Fought for Peace, not Arab Appeasement;" "Lift, Lift, Lift the Embargo;" "Oil or Honor;" "A Jewish State in '48."

## JERUSALEM SIEGE LIFTED

### BY 5,000 HAGANAH TROOPS

**Jewish Telegraphic Agency**

TEL AVIV—The Zionist Action Committee opened a special in a major display of strength, meeting here this week on an optimistic note when David Ben Gurion reported on steps taken on the road between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem this week and cracked May 16 and to increase Haganah manpower and arms.

One of the major items on the Committee's agenda was the request of the United States for a truce in the Jewish fighting with the Arab invaders.

Other items to be considered include ratification of the Haganah-Irgun peace agreement and approval of plans to deal with various phases of the fast breaking Palestine situation.

Ben Gurion, premier-designate of the provisional Jewish government, reported the determination of the Jewish Agency not to permit the United States trusteeship plan to prevent or delay creation of a Jewish state as provided in the General Assembly partition decision.

The Actions committee may stay in session until the opening of the special session of the UN General Assembly April 16.

**Jewish Telegraphic Agency**

JERUSALEM—The Haganah, tions committee opened a special in a major display of strength, meeting here this week on an op- posed 5,000 troops into a suc- cessful battle to gain control of Gurion reported on steps taken on the road between Tel Aviv and to proclaim a Jewish government Jerusalem this week and cracked the Arabs two-week siege.

The first Jewish convoy arrived in the Jewish area after a running six-day battle through Arab traps, roadblocks and mine fields. At least 10 of 70 Jewish trucks were believed lost in the savage struggle.

In their fifth day of occupation of the Arab village of Castel, five miles west of Jerusalem, the Haganah repulsed a new counter-attack and maintained its grip on the village. Arab strength in the area west of Jerusalem is set at 2,000.

An Irgun unit attacked a British army camp at Pardes Hanna, between Tel Aviv and Haifa, killing the commanding officer. The Irgunists entered the camp in an armored car, firing indiscriminately and then fled.

### All Jews Must Register

The Vaad Leumi (Jewish National Council) ordered all Palestinian Jews of military age living aboard to register at the local Jewish Agency offices for military service.

World Wide News Service reported that more than 100 Arabs were killed and many wounded when Haganah forces repulsed an attack on the famous Jewish settlement of Mishmar Haemek. A band of 1,000 Arab invaders attacked and Jewish casualties were believed to be heavy.

### Treasure Hunting

Inside this week's issue of The Post, you'll find some real treasures—and you don't have to undertake any long hunts, either.

For instance, there's another fascinating report on "Science Examines the Jew." Do you think non-Jews can spot Jews from physical appearance? Yes or no, this week's report will interest you.

M. Z. Franz, now en route to Palestine, tells about the tip James MacDonald has for all Jews wondering what will happen next in Palestine.

And other good reading.

Under the proposals outlined by Warren Austin, chief of the U. S. delegation, certain countries would undertake to send troops to the Holy Land and maintain order.

### Trusteeship Council Boss

Austin said that under the proposal, the Soviet-boycotted Trusteeship Council of the UN would be the administering authority of the proposed trusteeship.

Austin said the U. S. proposal called for appointment of a Governor General who would be authorized to call upon "such states as would be specified" to supply troops to help maintain peace in Palestine.

Both Jews and representatives of the invading Arabs promptly protested the U. S. scheme, which Austin emphasized was purely tentative.

### Another White Paper?

A Jewish Agency spokesman called the plan "an attempt to perpetuate under United Nations auspices the White Paper of 1939." He warned it would meet "with the most determined opposition of the Jewish people. The main effect of the scheme is to subjugate the Jews as a minority to Arab domination."

Austin said the agreement would make specified provisions for immigration and land purchase, in consultation with representatives of the Jewish and Arab communities.

Farris El Khouri, Syrian representative on the Security Council said the U. S. plan was unacceptable to the invading Arabs.

On the delicate issue of whether the U. S. would provide troops for the agreement, a spokesman for the U. S. delegation referred to Austin's emphasis on a statement that the U. S. would take its part in efforts to solve the problem but would not take any unilateral action.

Under the U. S. proposal the trusteeship would be terminated "whenever the Arab and Jewish communities of Palestine agree on a future government of the Holy Land."

### New Government of UN

Under the trusteeship council, a separate body, called the "Government of Palestine" would be set up with administrative, legislative and judicial powers. There would be a Cabinet and a "democratically-elected legislature."

"The 'Government of Palestine' would be responsible for maintaining law and order "through its locally recruited police and volunteer forces" under Article 84 of the UN charter which specifies that such police and volunteer forces must consist of the nationals of the territory under trusteeship.

If such forces were inadequate, then the Governor General should be authorized to call upon "such states as would be specified in the agreement." Which nations would be named was not made clear.

## Jewish Pageants May Be Presented At Radio City; Board of Rabbis Reports Negotiations Started

**By MARC H. TANENBAUM**

**Jewish Post Correspondent**

NEW YORK—If current negotiations between the New York Board of Rabbis and the management of the Radio City Music Hall prove successful, New York's millions of moviegoers may soon be witnessing such spectacular pageants as "The Giving of the Torah at Sinai," or "The Triumph of The Maccabees" on the world's largest stage.

Spurred on by the impact and religious message presented by the Christmas and Easter pageants produced every year on the Music Hall stage, a committee of the New York Board of Rabbis consisting of the Rev. Dr. Louis Gerstein, of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, and Rabbi Harold Gordon, general secretary of the board, met last week with G. S. Eysell, Music Hall managing director, and Jack F. Dailey, administrative assistant, and put before them the following question:

"Why not present to your vast audiences an equally effective pageant whose motif is derived from religious Jewish experiences?"

According to Dr. Gerstein, committee chairman, the Radio City executives "listened attentively, were greatly interested," and

would consider a production on a Chanukah or Shavuot theme if it could be of high caliber and of a universal level."

This pageant idea, Rabbi Gordon, the board's general secretary, told The Post, "is the first in a series of projects our organization is preparing to undertake in an effort to increase understanding and make intelligible Jewish values, experiences, and practices to the general public.

"Plans are now under way," he said, "to have Macy's and Gimbel's department stores set up attractive displays in their huge windows depicting the spirit of Passover or Chanukah or Shavuot, just as they have had displays on Christmas and Easter."

"Following our involvement some months ago in the Christmas carol controversy," Rabbi Gordon declared, "we find it imperative to launch a full-scale program for public enlightenment, on what Judaism really stands for, and What Does It Mean To Be A Jew? We feel that projects such as these will prove effective in both arousing understanding among our Gentile friends and stimulating self-respect among our own people."

# "Faith and Hope--- but not charity!"

**That's what the boys and girls in the front lines of defense in Palestine ask.**

**"We want to retain our faith in the decency of mankind....**

**"We want to retain our faith in the pledges of the nations of the world....**

**"We want to retain our faith in the strength and resolution of our friends and brothers in other lands....**

**"We want to sustain our hope for a life of dignity and freedom in our own land....**

**"We want to sustain our hope for a life of peace and goodwill toward our neighbors....**

**"We want to sustain our hope for the future of our innocent children....**

**"We want your understanding and support in the spirit of brotherhood rather than almsgiving.**

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## VOSS SAYS PROTESTANT PRESS FAILS TO DEAL FAIRLY WITH JEWS

### No Trick To Being Good Jew Today, Says Rabbi Gewirtz; Just Write One Check, Attend One Meeting-That Does It!

Combined Wire Services

NEW YORK—The U. S. Protestant church press, though in general rated as not "flagrantly Anti-Semitic," was accused this week of four sins of omission in dealing with Jewish issues.

Dr. Carl H. Voss, extension secretary of the Church Peace Union, made the charges at the annual meeting here of the Associated Church Press, organization of Protestant church editors.

Dr. Voss, who also is editor of the World Alliance News Letter, listed his criticisms as follows:

1. The church press has not been vigilant enough in exposing the 'enemy within the gates,' the vicious anti-Jewish propagandist who is on the pro-fascist fringe of the church;

2. "The church press has done an injustice to the Zionist aspirations shared by an overwhelming majority of the Jewish people.

3. "The church press has not been sufficiently aware of what anti-Jewish agitation means in terms of undermining the values of Western Civilization.

4. "The church press has not created among Christians a sense of contrition and repentance for the inescapable fact that anti-Semitism is fostered by Christians."

#### Lists Fringe Press

He listed the type of periodicals used by the "vicious anti-Jewish propagandist" as including Harvey Springer's "Western Voice," Carl McIntire's "Christian Beacon," William D. Hestrom's "Bible News Flashes," Gerald B. Winrod's "Defender," Bob Schuler's "Methodist Challenge," and the two Gerald L. K. Smith publications.

"We have not given accurate facts about the Zionist cause and its case," Voss said. "We have not told the story of the Zionist pioneers' magnificent achievements in rebuilding the Holy Land as a Jewish national home."

Voss said that the Protestant press has not given adequate support to the "legitimate and just quest" of the Jewish people for nationhood and that "we have had too little sense of guilt that in a so-called Christian civilization, more than six million Jews were done to death."

He added that the Church press has "tolerated the missionaries' distortion of facts about Zionism in Palestine and even today we have not lifted our voices against betrayal of the United Nations by America through the U.S. reversal of its support of the Palestine partition plea."

Turning to the final charge, Voss asked:

"Just how much have we written in the church press about the sin of quota clauses in our colleges, universities and professional schools? About racial and religious restrictive covenants in real estate sub-divisions? About racial and religious discrimination in employment?"

#### Reform Rabbis Meet In June Conclave

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—"The Future of Judaism in America" will be the theme of the 9th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, representing the Reform Rabbinate.

The conclave will be held here June 22-27, according to Dr. Abraham J. Feldman, Conference President.

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#### Friends or Enemies, They Don't Want Jews

World Wide News Service

LONDON—Former friends of the Jews in South Africa have become enemies and former enemies friends but both have continued their opposition to immigration.

This summary of the situation since partition was given this week by Dr. D. Mowshovitz, foreign secretary of the Jewish board of deputies in London.

He said the English-speaking South Africans had become hostile to the Jews, as did Britshers in England. Afrikanders, as the Dutch or Boer element is called, who had been bitterly Anti-Semitic are becoming more friendly and some of their Parliamentary leaders are even making overtures to the Jews, Dr. Mowshovitz said.

#### Argentine Jews Can't Use Yiddish

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUENOS AIRES—A new attempt by Jewish leaders here to obtain permission from Argentinian police authorities to conduct Jewish meetings in Yiddish failed again this week. Speeches were made and all business was handled in Spanish at two Zionist rallies held during the week because the police refused to grant permits for the use of a foreign language.

Although the police generally allow visiting Jews from abroad to use a foreign language at Jewish parleys, Samuel Segal, secretary of the World Confederation of General Zionists, was prohibited from addressing a meeting here in Yiddish. When the police grant permits for the holding of Zionist meetings, they specify that no foreign country may be criticized by the speakers.

#### Sumner Welles' Book Shows Palestine As Test

Special

NEW YORK—A volume by Sumner Welles on the Palestine question and its implications as a crucial test of the United Nations will be published by Houghton Mifflin about June 1. The book is entitled, "We Need Not Fail."

Printing of the book has been rushed in order to make its appearance as timely as possible.

#### U. Officials Switch Prom Date for Passover

National Jewish Post

ST. LOUIS—Washington University officials shifted the date of the Junior Prom from Friday, April 23, to Thursday, April 22, after Rabbi Robert P. Jacobs informed them recently that the original date fell on the first night of Passover.

Rabbi Jacobs is director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Washington University.

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WILMINGTON, Del.—It's easy to be a Jew today because American Jews have discarded many basic Jewish values to such a degree "that you can be a good Jew without trying," according to Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz of Adas Kodesh Bulletin.

"To be a good Jew, you no longer need to accept any obligations or make any sacrifices; you don't have to struggle with an un-Jewish environment, but you merely surrender to its lure and swim with the current," the rabbi declared.

Rabbi Gewirtz sketches out the picture of today's good Jew:

"Write one check, attend one meeting, make one annual visit to the Synagogue—and you are a good Jew. Others have vulgarized the high prophetic-rabbinic demands of Judaism into a nonsensical absurdity: Don't do anything; just prattle: I'm a Jew at heart."

Rabbi Gewirtz recalled that it was not always thus, that historically it has always been hard to be a Jew because Judaism demanded full devotion and Jews gave of themselves fully.

"They tried to impregnate holiness into the normal course of daily events and prosaic affairs; they tried to direct man's nature and social relations toward the good and the just . . ."

The rewards, declared Rabbi Gewirtz, were "satisfaction, peace of mind, orderly living, purposeful living, harmony and happiness."

"Old Jewish virtues of loyalty, devotion, sacrifices and martyrdom, are now held in ridicule," he writes. "New modern virtues of expediency, convenience, comfort, ease, luxury, gentility and pleasure have become the Jewish virtues with many Jews."

Yet if there ever was a time that demanded heroic Jewish living, says the rabbi, this is it, and he suggests in these phrases the appropriate relation between today's Jew and the historical tradition and ideals of his people:

"Judaism requires of its Jews the devotion of the scientist, the fanaticism of the social reformer, the love of the mother, the discipline of the soldier, the interest of the social worker, the martyrdom of an Akiba and the courage of the Haganah."

"What type of a Jew are you?"

#### NO QUOTA AT LOUISVILLE U., SAYS PRESIDENT, BUT JEWS FEW

National Jewish Post

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—"There is no quota at the University of Louisville Medical School as far as I know," President John W. Taylor said this week, commenting on admissions to the freshman class of 1948, 85 per cent of whom will be Kentuckians.

In contrast to former years, the number of Jewish students will be small so long as the school admits a high ratio of Kentuckians, Dr. S. I. Kornhauer, secretary of school's admissions committee, said.

In former years, when the school "took students from anywhere" there were nine to ten Jewish students per freshman class, he said. Last year there were three.

"You can't realize how much pressure the people in New York and New Jersey exert" to get Jewish students accepted, he commented. Many Jewish students say they can't get into Northern schools because of tight racial quotas, he added.

Reuven Dafni, high-ranking officer in the Haganah, personally rescued 142 Allied flyers, mostly Americans, from the Germans while working with the underground in Yugoslavia.

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## Laski Fears World Holocaust Starting With Jews' Slaughter

Following are excerpts covering the main portions of the address of Dr. Harold J. Laski, former chairman of the British Labor party, before the biennial convention of the American Jewish Congress in New York.

**I** THINK we Jews cannot escape either our share of blame—we British Jews,—because we did not see or were unwilling to recognize the pattern of power politics in which Palestine was one thread, a small thread in the immense gamble for which the great States are now playing,—a relatively unimportant thread.

We wouldn't see it because we never adequately divorced ourselves from a half hope that the Irish precedent would be repeated in Palestine, partly because we failed ever to convince the Arab masses that the development of a Jewish Homeland must be an Arab liberation as well as a Jewish cause to tell other Junior Post women among the Arabs as well as Jews, seeking emancipation all over the world.

I think American Jews must accept their share of responsibility too. American Jews took the



LASKI

as they ought to have made clear and unmistakable, their separation from and hatred for the evil Fascist element that has grown up among the Jews and still darkens that side of the horizon in these matters, which is the major sign known to non-Jews all over the world.

### Misled By Selves

They thought too often, whether in the House of Commons or in Washington, that successful lobbies meant the genuine acceptance of vital principles, and they were too often as eager as deceive themselves as they were to confront the hard facts that are before us . . .

**OUR BUSINESS** as Jews is to use the stark technique of reason on the hard facts that we confront. When our reason has analyzed our problem, let us bring emotion to its service. But if our reason is clouded by our emotion, the perspectives that we confront are not reflected in the actuality that we have to overcome.

The terrorists in Palestine made possible the stereotype of the Jew in Palestine for British opinion, which blotted out the image which day and night would have haunted every citizen of Great Britain, above all, its Socialist citizens, if that terrorism had not done its foul work.

You cannot, when you are a people in part inevitably alien among other people, you cannot hope that what is best in your achievement will be the basis of the judgment passed upon you. There is aggression's law in these matters that drives out the achievement, to replace it by what can be so easily recognized as the evil currency of hate and fear and death.

### World Jewry To Blame

And I think that world Jewry is also to blame, for the reason that from the very first the urgency of the problem ought to have persuaded it to realize that its first task was to divide those Arabs whose major interest was in the fulfillment of the great experiment, because their future depended upon its fulfillment, from the mass of the incredible effendi who had lived for long centuries upon the exploitation of the poor, the evil group of those

who have shaped the policy of the mass of Arabs in Palestine,—the economic policy, the religious policy,—if religion is a term that is relevant to men of the Mufti's character.

They are men, those leaders, who have sought consistently, ever since 1919, to reserve a dying world from the challenge of the New World that is seeking to be born, and they find everywhere their natural allies in the men and the forces in the five continents of this globe, who hope, with them, to live by privilege, since they cannot survive by service.

**LET ME SAY HERE**, that though I have differences with him, and that many of them are profound differences of ultimate and fundamental principle, I could not leave this Congress unless I said forthrightly, that on this matter Judah Magnes, with great courage and in the face of passionate opposition and hostility, was more right than all of his critics, including myself, and that he saw more deeply into the fundamental interests it was the business of world Jewry to pursue than most of us who narrowed our vision to the building up of the Jewish Palestine.

As I look at the record of those who live, only two Jews can put their hands on their hearts and say that they served this cause in Europe and America as it ought to be served,—Chaim Weizmann and Stephen Wise,—and that in Palestine the clear and objective statesmanship of my old student, one of the students of whom I am most proud, Moshe Shertok,

—that that was the kind of insight, that was the kind of leadership that in every center of the community we ought to have given; and if that is a leadership about which in considerable degree there has been a failure, we are to blame.

**BUT THE MAJOR** responsibility is not ours. The major responsibility arises out of the tragedy that has struck Czechoslovakia, that has struck the nations of the East, that may tomorrow strike the nations of the western world. We are the vic-

tims as they are the victims of the inability at the end of the second world war of the great powers to learn the secret of peace is not to be found in military victory alone. We are not the doctors; we, as Heine said, are the diseased.

Our business is not to imagine for one moment that what is taking place at Lake Success will be decided by this conversation with that delegate, or by another conversation in London or Washington, in Paris or in Moscow. Our fate is in the hands of the fate of civilization, and in order to be good Jews we must be good Americans or good Englishmen or good Russians, and in order to be good Englishmen and American and Russians, we must first of all be good citizens of the world. We may owe a debt to our country, but there is a debt beyond the debt to our country that all of us owe, the debt beyond the debt to our country that all of us owe, the debt to the fundamental principles of civilized living upon which, and I wish I could give the emphasis that it requires, the fate of all Jewry depends . . .

### PALESTINE

PALESTINE is not the cause. Palestine is the effect. It is, I think, probably too late now to prevent the outbreak of hostilities that are both unnecessary and futile, hostilities that are not morally justifiable, and hostilities that will be politically tragic. If they continue, they will destroy more than Palestine. For the victims of the disagreements between the great powers will ultimately destroy their masters as well as themselves.

I have no doubt that there will be the announcement of a Jewish State in Palestine. There will be massacres of unarmed Jews from Algiers across Africa to Iraq and Lebanon. Evil men will rejoice, that Hitler, being dead, yet speaketh. It is at that moment, when we have sacrificed as Jews enough of our brethren and sisters to shake the conscience of common people, for in the long run Governments are controlled by the consciences of ordinary men and women, at that moment there will begin to emerge the possibility that a solution is at

hand. Either that will come by the fall of a final darkness upon our civilization (civilizations have died before, and there is no such thing as inevitable progress), or that moment will mark the first gleam of a new day.

**I KNOW** that the Jews have no alternative but to search for life. If Britain and America and Russia have determined that they must fight to live, they will fight. They need not fight and they ought not to have been left in a situation where fighting is one of the ugly alternatives that they adopt.

There is a national solution, and there is a rational solution to the issue that is before us. But it is a solution that cannot be applied until we start on the business of building world peace. We cannot begin to build world peace if you and I and those who rule over us value more highly oil and strategic routes than they value the spirit of men.

If the men who rule us today, whether in England or elsewhere, if they let things drift outside the Middle East, as they have let things drift so fantastically within the Middle East, there will be no Jewish problem because there will be no Jews.

The world will not listen to your warning, as I know it will not listen to mine.

**DO LET US PRAY** that swiftly the echoes of the first guns that are fired in Palestine after May 15 will echo around the world. For if those guns are fired, they will be the first shots in that third global war which will end for our generation and for our children's generation any prospect of organized and civilized life.

Our rulers in Europe and America, our rulers, in Asia as well, ought to recognize by now that those who leave the Jews to die because they dream greatly, are themselves destined to perish, to perish not for a dream but for a nightmare full of sound and fury but without meaning or dignity for the men whom it will then destroy.

## Irgunists Appeal For Huge Arms Buy

Combined Wire Service

**WASHINGTON**—The Hebrew Committee for National Liberation announced this week it had appealed to President Truman to permit it to buy \$10,000,000 worth of surplus arms and ammunition from the United States for Palestine.

A spokesman said the appeal was made in order "to avert a war in Palestine in which American troops will have to be involved."

There was no indication that the Bergson group had any such sums to back its appeal and best available information was that the Bergson drive for \$7,000,000 in 1947 had failed.

It was admitted this was largely a guess since no Bergson group has ever published a statement on its fund collections or permitted outsiders to see its books.

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#### Fighting Trusteeship Not Disloyal-Berman

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NEW YORK—Rabbi Morton M. Berman this week called on all American Jews to support Palestine Jewry in every way and vigorously rejected suggestions that American Jews were disloyal in following that course.

Rabbi Berman, who is president of the Chicago division of the

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### Within Their Rights

"American Jewry is therefore fully within its rights in persisting to give Palestine Jewry whatever political, physical, moral and financial help Palestine Jewry may ask of us and which is in our power to give," he declared.

"We Americans are not acting in defiance of our government when we refuse to be guided by the immoral leadership of the State Department in this crisis," he said. "That leadership does not express the will of the American people, which for 30 years

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## World Jewry Faces Destruction, AJC Told

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NEW YORK—Delegates to the biennial convention were warned this week that "unless we take vigorous and effective action, destruction of our people may be completed this time, though war may never come."

The grim warning came from Dr. David Petegorsky, national executive director of the Congress, who said Jews must be prepared to fight increasingly grave dangers "if the horrible destruction begun by Hitler is not to be rendered complete

Petegorsky  
and absolute, let alone repaired."

He said the deliberate maintenance by Britain and the United States of confusion and tension over Palestine and the worsening political situation in Europe were making impossible the vast tasks of political, economic and social rehabilitation of the Jewish people.

**He cited significant gains made in the past two years toward the guarantee of full civil liberties for all Americans.**

But he also asserted that "in view of the present attitude of the American government concerning Palestine," it may become "far more difficult to continue asserting the right of the Jewish people to statehood in Palestine, the need for protection of the political, economic and social rights of the Jews in many lands by international action and to fight for the full civil rights of all Americans."

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NEW YORK—The unstable world situation is fraught with many dangers for world Jewry that can be met only by unity in the Diaspora, according to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress.

In a speech recorded for the biennial convention of the Congress before his departure for Palestine, Dr. Goldmann warned that the less stable the international situation, "the more it is dominated by conflict, tension and fear of war,

GOLDMANN  
the more exposed and endangered are Jewish communities in various parts of the world.

He emphasized that no longer could wealthy Jews act as charitable benefactors of their less fortunate brethren and added, "only when different Jewish communities act together, not as protectors, but as equals, can we meet the many dangers to our existence and secure our rights."

He said it appeared likely that the Yishuv will have to fight with its own forces alone for the Jewish state "and there is no doubt that the overwhelming mass of Jews will fully support Palestinian Jewry in this effort."

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### Wise Re-Elected To 7th Presidency

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NEW YORK—Rabbi Stephen S. Wise was re-elected this week to his seventh term as president of the American Jewish Congress.

The 1,200 delegates to the four-day biennial convention also adopted a resolution pledging "full support of American Jewry to the Jews of Palestine in Their Fight for a State."

### WITH THE RABBIS

Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein of K.A.M. Temple, Chicago, will deliver the 90th anniversary sermon at the celebration by Congregation Beth Israel, Portland, Ore., April 30 . . . Rabbi Henry Berkowitz is spiritual . . . Rabbi Robert E. Goldburg of Temple Israel, Waterbury, Conn., will succeed Rabbi Edgar Siskin in the pulpit of Mishkan Israel, New Haven . . . A fourth Reform congregations is being organized in Cleveland.

Rabbi and Mrs. Abraham R. Besdin of Beverly, Mass., have announced the birth of a daughter, Adeena Lee.

Local rabbis and lay leaders joined members of Congregation Beth Israel, San Francisco, in honoring Rabbi Elliott M. Burstein for 20 years as spiritual leader.

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## AL SEGAL Speaks on LABOR LEADERS

I HAVE just been reading about David Dubinsky and other Jewish gentlemen with whom he has industrial relations. One can feel Jewishly satisfied on their account. Not that I am one of those who make Jewish problems out of every human matter of event, as in the classic case of the Jew who, invited to write a thesis on elephants, wrote on "The Elephant and the Jewish Problem." Nor am I one of those who like to make something Jewish out of every achievement by citizens who are Jewish, such as boxers and movie stars. (Only recently there has been a ludicrous effort to make something Jewish out of Ingrid Bergman).

Yet, in the case of David Dubinsky and the other Jewish gentlemen with whom he does business, I do like to feel that they are essentially being moved by the ethical teachings of the Jews in their exemplary behavior as labor and management. They may not be in the least conscious of operating as Jews in their industrial relations, but that doesn't matter. Their way is chartered by our teaching and it is good to see Jews going in the way of that teaching, even though they may be guided only by vague mandates that haunt them from their early education; even though they may not be aware that what they are doing is finely Jewish.

In these columns I have been saying right along that being a Jew is largely a matter of moral and social outlook, that a Jew's best expression is in his function as a member of the brotherhood of man. (Lately there has been much of propaganda that makes a Jew some kind of nationalist, a ghetto person whose ghetto is within the boundaries of a nation, other than the one to which an American Jew really belongs). So, the other day, I was happy to receive a publication called "Partners—The Magazine of Labor and Management." It carried an article entitled "Real Unionism At Work" by Hawthorne Daniel. It was about David Dubinsky and the other gentlemen.

**DAVID DUBINSKY** is president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Trade Union. The others are the manufacturers—the cloak and suit trade, as it is called. They and Dubinsky had been getting along very well, indeed, in peaceful relations toward the general good of the workers in the trade. David Dubinsky, as labor leader, had understood that there could be no good in strife for the workers, the employers or the public. He had little use for strikes. He was saying: "Strikes are uneconomical. It can take two years for workmen to make up in added wages what they lose in a walkout lasting only a few weeks. . . Wherever there's a deadlock we are for arbitration."

The manufacturers had been going along with him. They knew that their own success was in contented workers who felt free in the power of being well organized. Mr. Dubinsky knew that the prosperity of the workmen hung on the ability of the manufacturers to make a profit. Merely for the workman to

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take wages was not enough. Besides giving a day of honest work he must try to contribute something to the efficiency of the industry. In Mr. Dubinsky's union there is an engineering department, under Dr. William Gomberg, to be helpful to employers. Mr. Dubinsky's engineering department had served the manufacturers, had made detailed studies of national dress markets, had caused countless improvements in cost accounting and inspection, in the handling of materials and the elimination of waste, had increased the efficiency of workers, had assisted in the training of new workers.

THERE WAS THE instance of the manufacturer who had just gone into business and the union felt it should give him a hand. A field representative of Mr. Dubinsky's union was in the neighborhood and one of the union's officials wrote him:

"On your way from Houston please stop in——and see what you can do to be helpful to——who recently went into business and opened a dress shop; also see Mr.——of the——Blouse Shop. They are two very fine employers and whatever you could do to be helpful in coordinating their production will be appreciated."

Mr. Dubinsky's union had troubled itself about the lives of its members. In New York it maintained a health center for them where about 50,000 workers are treated in a year. It provides sick benefits from \$7 to \$15 a week, maternity benefits, convalescent homes. There's education in the union. In cities all around the country the union offers a wide assortment of academic opportunities—classes in economics, literature, history, dramatics, fine arts, public speaking. The goodness of the Dubinsky union had covered the country in the recent years. From some 40,000 members in 1932 it now has more than 400,000. From having been an industry notorious for starvation wages, the ladies' garment business now was paying \$4000 to \$5000 a year to the more skilled, and top craftsmen were earning even double this amount.

**MR. DUBINSKY**, WHOSE leadership had helped to make a contribution so notable to American industrial life, is one of the newer Americans. He was born in Brest-Litovsk, Poland, on February 22, 1892, attended Hebrew school there and at 11 went to work in his father's bakery. At 15 he was assistant secretary of the bakers' union of Brest-Litovsk. Revolution against the czar was in the ferment then. Because he was a union man David was arrested three times by the czarist police as one who might be a menace to czardom. He was imprisoned in Lodz for a year and a half.

He came to the U.S. in 1911, went into tailoring, became a cutter and from the ranks of his local union rose to national leadership in his trade.

Certain of the rabbis arise from time to time to argue with me about my ideas of what it takes to be a Jew. Anyway, I like David Dubinsky's way of being Jewish and the way of the other Jewish gentlemen who go along with him toward social and economic righteousness and the ultimate brotherhood.

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## Our Film Folks of HOLLYWOOD

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By LEON GUTTERMAN

THE lusty, brawling, nostalgic days of 1900 form the backdrop before which the highly successful and extremely popular new film "My Girl Tisa," Producer Milton Sperling's production for Warner Bros. is played. It's in the wake of the Spanish-American War, Teddy Roosevelt is president, no girl is dressed in less than five petticoats and bustle, and no man had to strain to carry his chin high—it was held there by his celluloid collar.

Milton Sperling, one of Hollywood's youngest and most successful producers, makes it his third effort since leaving the Marine Corps. His previous efforts for Warner Bros. were "Cloak and Dagger" with Gary Cooper and Lilli Palmer, and "Pursued" starring Robert Mitchum and Teresa Wright.

A native of New York City, Sperling first won his spurs in the editorial field, starting out as editor of his high school paper. Later he entered City College of New York. As editor of his high school paper, Milton decided to interview Donald Ogden Stewart, who was then writing scenarios at the Paramount Studios at Astoria, Long Island, where young Sperling had put in a summer as an office boy.

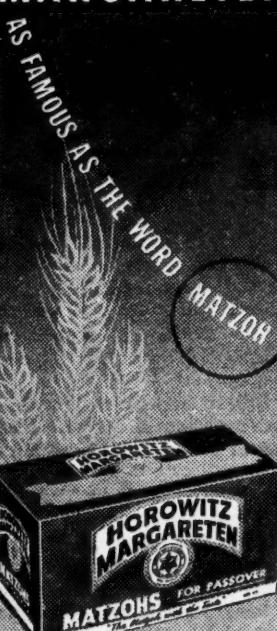
The interview went well. So well that Stewart asked the editor of the school paper to do some typing for him. He gave him the manuscript and when Milton brought it back, he was asked by the actor-author whether he would like to go to Europe that summer as his secretary. For the next five months, he was with Stewart in London, Paris, Cannes, Vienna.

When he returned to New York he went to work for Director Lewis ("Arch of Triumph") Milestone. Milton's next film job was executive secretary to Darryl F. Zanuck at Warner Bros. Studios. Rapidly gaining experience, he went next to the Edward Small Company as an associate producer, and then to Fox as an assistant to Producer Winfield Sheehan.

Milton switched to writing again and worked on several stories. Promotion followed. He became an associate producer under the

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## HOROWITZ MARGARETEN



The American Federation for Polish Jews contends that recent U. S. orders to halt the breakup of German industrial cartels will end up in a repetition of the first world war postwar period when the western nations permitted Germany to become a world menace.

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## Heads UJA Broadcast



Al Jolson will star in a United Jewish Appeal broadcast, "Nightmare, Chapter II," over the nationwide network of the American Broadcasting Company at 10:30 p. m. (EST) Sat. April 10, originating from Hollywood. The broadcast will be a sequel to "Operations Nightmare" which Jolson did for the UJA last year.

## Jewish Social Work Conference Set

Special

NEW YORK—The fourth international conference of Jewish Social Work will hold a preliminary meeting here April 22 in conjunction with the International Conference of Social Work, slated for both New York City and Atlantic City.

The National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare will be host at the International conference May 13-14 for Jewish workers from abroad at the international conclave.

## Woman's Viewpoint

By HELEN COHEN

### MAN AT WORK

By Thomas Usk

When I help with the dishes after we've dined  
(My wife won't let me shirk)  
It's not the indignity I mind—  
It's the work!

THIS little item in a recent Ladies Home Journal reminds me of a cruel twist of fate.

In one of his letters before our marriage, my better-half wrote of having breakfast with his dear friends, Red and Dorothy, who were newly wed.

"Dorothy won't let Red help with the dishes," he wrote. "She says it's unmanly."

Not to be out-done by any other mere wife, I stuck faithfully to the dictum. After eight years we were spending an evening with the aforementioned couple when I remembered to chide Dorothy. "Fine thing, on account of your not letting Red help with the dishes, I've had to do without an assistant all these years."

"Who," said Red, "doesn't help with the dishes?"

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I'VE often heard of Florida-California feuds but I never participated personally in any until last week when I got mixed up with a loyal San Franciscan.

About the time she was warmed up on her subject I decided that if no one else would defend my native state, I must. Every time I opened my mouth she fixed me with a look of pure contempt. "Florida? Bah."

Before she finished she was making flat statements like, "San Francisco in reality has the quality New York is supposed to possess—a real culture."

You can see how disgracefully prejudiced Californians are when they start taking digs at The City.

Now we Floridians don't go around bragging about our culture. But if you've ever dug your toes into the warm, white sand at Clearwater beach, with the sun and the clean-smelling breeze on your face and the sound of the sun-splashed waves warming your heart, then you know life is worth living.

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SOME favorite methods of "beating the blues" according to a Woman's Home Companion poll include buying something new (not necessarily a hat), reading, sprucing up and going to the movies, sewing a fine seam, doing a bang-up house-cleaning, and taking a long walk after a good cry.

But the one which caught my special attention was going into a church and praying.

I was reminded of a recent news-item which told of a newly inaugurated "praying altar" at a local church where members came up to kneel and pray around a circular bar.

I don't like the idea of stepping out from the group to pray. One could hardly avoid being too self-conscious to feel very dedicated.

But I realized it was one phase, this private communion with God, that our traditional synagogues have neglected. In the reform temples there are periods of silent prayer where the reader is given suggested paragraphs and told that if he prefers, he can say what is in his heart.

I can see no harm in having a few minutes of silent, personal prayer, perhaps at the beginning of the services.

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BRITISH soldiers, embarking for home, smiled happily as they spat into the water at Haifa, said the news item.

And the bitter thought was born in me—for what do you newspapermen think those Jews are dying, if not for a land to which they can come home?

## 21 New Mizrachi Women's Units In U. S.

Special

NEW YORK—The Mizrachi Women's organization of America, women's religious Zionist group, announced this week that 21 new local chapters have been formed and that membership in the United States and Canada stands at 50,000.

The figures were disclosed in a quarterly report from Mrs. Bes-

sie Landau, national secretary, which revealed that new chapters have been formed in 12 states.

She said that the total of Mizrachi women's chapters now is 173. The organization maintains a net work of child-care and social welfare projects in Palestine.

The alumni Association of the College of Jewish Studies, Chicago, will present the first annual festival of Jewish Arts April 17.

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We believe you will be interested in receiving the literature issued last year by Herzl Camp because it attempts to sell the importance of a Jewish camp instead of a "summer resort" where Jewish children spend the summer months with a pretense at being Jewish by a Friday evening service or kosher kitchen.

Herzl camp was founded three years ago by a handful of Zionists in St. Paul and Minneapolis, who felt the need of a positive and constructive Jewish camp in the Northwest. Under the leadership of Rabbi Walter Plaut and Mrs. Plaut, now of Beth El Center, Fargo, N.D., its program met instant and enthusiastic approval from the campers. Without support from national organizations, money was raised to buy a permanent camp site at Webster, Wis.

We relate these experiences in the hope that other communities will be inspired to build this type of camp which answers a great need in Jewish community life.

We shall be happy to cooperate with any community seeking additional information on our camp.

Irving Waldman  
1494 Grand Ave.  
St. Paul 5, Minn.

WITH Mr. Waldman's letter came pamphlets describing the camp on Devils Lake which offers all regular camp facilities plus. Established by the Northwest Zionist Youth Commission for Zionist training for children and adults, it is planned as an incubator where ideas are hatched and nurtured, where thinking is developed, and where the "camper" learns to develop his abilities by creative activity and participation in the life of the camp.

Last year there was a one-week camp period of collegiate and young adults followed by a weekend seminar for those unable to attend the full period.

Young campers (ages 12 to 14) attended for three weeks in July and teen-age campers (ages 16 to 17) followed for another three-week period. Fees are nominal and scholarships are available.

Alert boys and girls are desired as campers, particularly members of Zionist youth groups such as Young Judea, and Habonim and also students of Talmud Torahs and religious schools. Special preference is given to children from smaller communities with limited Jewish contacts.

A camp such as Herzl is of inestimable value in instilling in the hearts of youngsters the importance and pleasure of living a full Jewish life.

Parents who want to see such camps in their communities are urged to take the lead in pushing such projects. Herzl camp officials will be glad to tell you how.

## DP Women Throughout Europe Inter-Married; Many Converted; Shortage of Jewish Men Blamed

Jewish World News Service

LONDON, Eng.—About 7,000 Jewish refugee women in Sweden are rapidly marrying non-Jewish men and are being lost to Judaism because of the shortage of Jewish men in Sweden.

That report was made by a delegation of rabbis sent by the Agudas Israel of Great Britain on a tour of Europe. The delegation reported that rapid intermarriage, often accompanied by conversion, is taking place in all parts of Europe and has emerged as one of the new Jewish postwar problems.

The delegation said Sweden now has 20,000 Jewish refugees who are rapidly adjusting themselves to their new lives. The delegation listed as another reason for the intermarriage the friendliness of the Swedish government which permits Jewish women to disperse

through the country and work in shops and factories.

This attitude gives the women a chance to earn a living and become independent, but it also deprives them of the society of Jewish men and of a Jewish environment.

The delegation said that 600 of these women recently married non-Jews and were converted to Christianity. The delegation arranged for visas for some of the women who wished to leave Sweden, but the majority prefer to stay.

The friendliness of the Swedish government and people in this case was in line with the magnificent record of the Swedes throughout the war when hundreds of Jewish children were saved. Most of the refugees, both men and women, were admitted to Sweden when no other country would accept them.

### Women's Division Grows

NEW YORK—The biennial convention of the American Jewish Congress was told this week that membership in the Women's Division has grown from 22,284 in April, 1946, to 25,126 in February, 1948.

### OUR FILM FOLK

(continued from preceding page)

Zanuck banner at 20th Century-Fox. All of his films turned out to be hits.

In August of 1942, after a series of special assignments, Sperling enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and as officer in charge of a combat photographic unit, he took part in several major offensives.

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## What Foods These Morsels Be

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Pesach means knoedel. We always looked forward with delight to Seder night and soup with plump light "matzoh balls." This week we have suggestions for several soup accessories for Passover.

### Matzo Meal Dumplings

1 cup Manischewitz matzo meal	3 tbsps. chicken fat
1 tsp. salt	½ cup (about) cold water
¼ tsp. pepper	2 eggs

Beat together all ingredients to form a loose batter, and let stand 30 minutes. Grease hands and roll into small balls. Drop into boiling salted water, and let boil 20 minutes.

### Fluffy Matzo Meal Dumplings

2 eggs, separated	½ teaspoon salt
½ cup Manischewitz matzo meal	½ cup fat
Beat egg whites until stiff, then beat in yolks. Mix matzo meal and salt, and fold into eggs. Let stand 5 minutes, then form balls with a spoon and drop into boiling salted water. Cover, and let cook 45 minutes.	1 teaspoon salt
	3 eggs

### Liver Knoedel

½ pound liver	¼ teaspoon pepper
1 onion, sliced	¼ cup fat
1½ cups boiling water	1 teaspoon salt
1½ cups Manischewitz matzo meal	3 eggs

Bake liver, and grind with onion. Onion may first be fried until brown, if desired. Pour boiling water over matzo meal, let cool. Add liver and onion, eggs, fat, salt and pepper, and mix thoroughly. Roll into balls the size of a walnut, drop into boiling salted water and let boil 20 minutes.

### Mandlech

Number 1

3 eggs, beaten	⅔ cup Manischewitz cake meal
½ teaspoon potato flour	½ teaspoon salt
Beat eggs, add cake meal, potato flour and salt. Knead, roll out ¼ inch thick and cut into ¼-inch cubes. Fry until brown in deep fat heated to 375 degrees	

Number 2

½ cup fat	¼ teaspoon pepper
½ cup water	6 eggs
1½ teaspoons salt	2 cups Manischewitz matzo meal
Mix fat, water and seasoning, and bring to a boil. Pour the liquid gradually onto the matzo meal, mixing well with a fork. Beat eggs into mixture, and knead thoroughly. Grease hands, roll dough into marbles about ½ an inch thick. Place on greased cookie sheet and bake at 400 degrees until brown.	

The Post will send one of Tini Lohman's famous cook books to each reader whose recipe is printed as "The Recipe of the Week."

### U. S. DP Committees Ready To Go To Work

World Wide News Service

NEW YORK—Committees have been set up in every major city in the United States to receive as many displaced persons as will be permitted by hoped-for new legislation. The Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society said this week.

Samuel A. Telsey, president, made the disclosure in a report of his tour of the United States and Canada.

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day — Mon., Oct. 4  
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day — Tues., Oct. 5  
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(All holidays begin on the preceding evening at sundown).

Friday, April 9, 1948

## The Editor's Chair

HAVING been to Boston twice, I am authority on Judaism in that city, if anyone wants to make anything out of the following.

It may be that as the result of my peregrinations, I have acquired the ability to sense the Jewish rating of any community. Which in the case of Boston would seem to me to be pretty high. Reform in Boston seems to me to be pretty close to Conservatism elsewhere, and conservatism is nothing more than neo-Orthodoxy as practiced in many another community.

If Zionism is any criterion, there are no anti-Zionist rabbis in Boston, and Rabbi Beryl Cohen, the lone non-Zionist isn't such a non-Zionist either.

Last week in Boston I spent a morning with Rabbi Liebman and the way that man is worshipped by the Jewish community is a beautiful thing to behold. Two very important business men practically prostrated themselves in front of him, not to mention every taxi driver or elevator girl or waitress. It made me understand why Rabbi Liebman refused the offer of New York's Temple Emanu-El.

I spent some time too, with Rabbi Dudley Weinberg, who in the short time he's been in Boston, has done a remarkable job, and with Rabbi Judah Nadich, who looks longingly at the handsome building his congregation is finally completing adjoining the Shul, and with Rabbi Cohen, who showed me the two wrought-iron Menorahs which was responsible for the story in The Post several years ago when they were dedicated. The gift came from a member of the board of Boston University, Dr. Daniel Marsh, president of the institution, who was speaker on the occasion. It was then that he said that Jews would all become Protestants in due time.

Boston can be proud of her rabbis, but she should be prouder of herself. She's very close to the top Jewish community in the United States. And if you aren't very much impressed by the factors I've named thus far, then consider that she was the lone large Jewish community in the nation which last year went over the top in its combined Jewish Appeal.

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A DEBATE between me and the N. J. Post's new managing editor, Ben Gallo, which started long before he became a member of the staff, rages more hotly than ever and perhaps our

# Editorial Page

readers will want to get in on it.

The current argument started over my proposal to carry a lengthy excerpt of Harold Laski's speech to the American Jewish Congress, which you will find elsewhere in this issue.

The decision to carry Laski's remarks at such length is based on my feeling that the N. J. Post owes it to its readers to present as fully as possible in their original form statements of major importance.

Gallo contends that only a handful of our readers will plow through these lengthy reports (and letters to the editor). He also waves typography textbooks at me. He argues that the world Jewish scene is simply too big for such treatment of any one phase of it. Our job, he argues, is to reduce such statements to the standard readable form of the news story, so that it will be read by a majority of our readers.

Gallo lost, as you can see, but I promised to give his viewpoint to you and let you write in so we could judge how the readers feel about it. A postcard will do.

## THE COLUMN WITHOUT A NAME

ALL OVER the country new synagogues and temples are being built and dedicated or, at least being planned and financed. Grand Rapids is only typical—if less further advanced—than most communities.

But amidst all the excitement and busyness, how many congregations are rendering an ACCOUNT of something more than the price of construction? How many rabbis and synagogues officials are giving an ACCOUNT of what they are going to do with these impressive tabernacles after they are built?—Rabbi Herman Kieval.

## Rosenwald Fund Ends; Spent 22 Million

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

CHICAGO—The vast Julius Rosenwald Fund, established more than 30 years ago by the late American Jewish philanthropist "for the well-being of mankind," will terminate on June 30. By that date, some \$22,500,000 will have been appropriated to various cultural and philanthropic projects. More than \$10,000,000 was contributed by the Fund to a program of Negro education.

The total expenditures of the fund represent capital and interest on the original endowment in 1917 of 227,784 shares of Sears, Roebuck & Co. stock. In setting up the trust, Rosenwald, head of the firm, specified that the funds must be spent within 25 years of his death. He died in 1932.

He was the father of Lessing Rosenwald, president of the controversial American Council for Judaism, and William Rosenwald, national co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

### New Books

A MASK FOR PRIVILEGE—Anti-Semitism in America. By Carey McWilliams. Little, Brown — \$2.75

AMONG THE NATIONS—Edited by Ludwig Lewisohn. Selections by Thomas Mann, Somerset Maugham, Jacques de Lacretelle and John Galsworthy. Farrar, Straus — \$3.00

BETWEEN MAN AND MAN—By Martin Buber; translated by Ronald G. Smith. Macmillan — \$3.50

## No Progress at Conservative Law Session

either.

The Agunah of today, as is well known, will remarry, law or no law. She has no desire to transgress Jewish law, but this law is an invitation to be unlawful. At one point the laws of the Agunah had validity in Jewish life as it was lived. Today it is an anachronism that even Orthodox rabbis will not care to defend.

A group of Conservative rabbis believe they have the answer. They would create a legislative body in Conservatism that would be endowed not alone with the powers to interpret, but also the power to enact law, which is also the power to reject law.

Obviously the present answer is no answer. It leads only to confusion and disrespect.

In the end, Conservatism will be led by the forces it has already set in motion and the logic of its practices to create just such an authoritative law-making body. Its hesitancy in the matter is understandable, but harmful nonetheless.

## What the U. of L. Medical School Might Have Done

THE announcement by the University of Louisville Medical School that because of its decision to admit a high ratio of Kentuckians as compared with recent years, only about three Jewish students were admitted last year as compared with nine to ten in former years, is convincing only in a negative way.

As a Kentucky institution, supported by Kentuckians, the University has an obligation to its city and its state.

But the end result is a quota against Jewish students whether that quota can be substantiated by logic or not.

The fact remains that although in the case of the University of Louisville probably no bias exists, that in other schools where quotas are the result of anti-Jewish prejudice, exactly the same reasons are advanced.

To the sick person, even to Hitler or, as was the case recently, Mr. Stalin, the religion of the doctor is unimportant. And so too with the people of Louisville or Kentucky.

As a result of the fine medical training offered by the University of Louisville and as a result of the quotas in the east which President

## These New Congregations

WHEN Rabbi Alan S. Green started his new Reform Congregation in Cleveland less than a year ago, he was coming into a community, albeit by invitation, in which both the other Reform Congregations had had well over a thousand members for years.

It was obvious in Cleveland, just as it has been in Pittsburgh, and in Southern California, in all of which new congregations have been built in the past few years, that Reform had stopped growing because it had lost the pioneering spirit of its American founders.

The Conservative group, because of the above and other reasons, continued to grow rapidly, and in communities like Philadelphia there are today more than twenty Conservative congregations to 3 Reform (a third has just been organized) although the membership of the other

two has been over 1,500 possibly for as long as twenty-five years.

But now with Reform awake, only Orthodoxy needs to gain the pioneering spirit and once again put itself into a position where it can expand. Then when all three groups are alert to the vast potentialities among the unaffiliated, Judaism in the U. S., and the Jewish community as a whole will be inestimably advanced.

Now comes news that a fourth congregation will be organized in Cleveland, less than a year after Rabbi Green established his Temple Emanu El there. Rabbi Green's congregation now totals 343 members.

The lesson is obvious. And competition is healthy. When Orthodoxy too begins activity leading to the organization of new congregations, then things will be that much better.

## Current Comment

Big Gifts Dinner, was somewhat of a let-down. Too many faces who should have been there were missing. Too many of the top men of the community were conspicuous by their absence. Too many who cared in the past years seemed to be too tired, too preoccupied, too indifferent to be present.

We cannot afford the luxury of indifference. Our enemies are not sitting out their program: If they only would! 1948 is a year of decision, a year which promises to do a great deal for Jewry, for mankind if we but will it. It is up to every individual—large donor, small donor, to tackle his portion of the over-all financial goal, but what is more important—each man and woman and child must carry the message to his neighbor. Each individual must become an active worker in the cause. Each one will have to be a committee of one for solicitation.

There are meetings, there will be additional meetings. There will be need for moral as well as financial support. There will be calls for service, and demands upon time. Let us give all willingly. Let us all get behind this superlative effort to correct the damages of both man and nature. There are thousands of human beings stretching out their hands to each man, woman and child in the community. What is your answer going to be?

Let us remember we cannot eat last year's bread nor look for tomorrow's miracles. Their fate is in your hands—what are you going to do about it?

Letters should be brief and to the point, and written on one side of the page only.

## CHALLENGES BERGER'S ANALYSIS; PROPOSES NEW DEFINITION ON ISSUES

Editor, The National Jewish Post:

Your caption, "Rabbi Berger has set up a dichotomy where it sides with Rosenwald," evokes the classic question, "Mai ko semingly weighty problem that mashma ion?" We all know there "is a need for a decision on that Rosenwald is Elmer's "El sie." The real news is that Elmer is quite in keeping with the character of his more popular namesake. He still clings tenaciously to the old threadbare theories of liberalism and its manifestations in a democratic society, despite the fact that reality even in our own democracy completely contradicts these theories.

Since Elmer (in human guise) is so hopelessly confused by the contradictions of reality to his pet theories, I should like to try my hand at setting him straight.

For one thing, if he is hoarse to romanticism, he should not have quoted the romantic bosh of Isaac Berr. The gist of his long-winded quotation is primarily this portion:

"But I cannot too often repeat to you how absolutely necessary it is for us to divest ourselves entirely of that narrow spirit, of corporation and congregation, in all civil and political matters not immediately connected with our spiritual laws. In these things we must absolutely appear simply as individuals, as Frenchmen, guided only by a true patriotism and by the general good of the nations."

That was pretty good for 1791, but in 1948 we know that neither Frenchmen nor Americans "appear simply as individuals . . . guided only by a true patriotism and by the general good of the nations." Today we know that people think of themselves and the rest of the nation be hanged. Today we know that they band together in special interest groups and high pressure the nation into legislation and policies that are beneficial for themselves without regard to the welfare of the nation as a whole. In our U. S. in 1948, we know that there are national and religious groups as well as political and economic groups who lobby for their own special interests. In 1948 we know that the "narrow spirit of corporation and congregation" is the order of the liberal and democratic day. Yet no one would dare call these political, economic, national and/or religious groups unpatriotic. Elmer wake up, you are living in 1948, not in 1791.

The other significant passage is:

"By means of that union in schools, our children, like those of our fellow-citizens, will remark from their tender youth that neither opinions nor differences of religion are a bar to fraternal love; and that everyone naturally embracing the religion of his father, all may, in fulfilling their religious duties, fulfill also that of citizenship."

A noble thought indeed. But where is the fraternal love? From 1791 to 1948 we had a long union of children in schools, but in place of fraternal love we have a progressive increase of quotas in educational institutions, discrimination in employment and restricted areas.

And how about that fulfilling the duties of citizenship despite a difference in religion? Regardless of how well qualified a Catholic may be, he will not (as matters stand today) be elected to the Presidency—much less a Jew.

Certainly the words sound beautiful, but, unfortunately, it is a romantic bosh.

Finally, let me say, that the

Rosenwald-Berger-Lazaron axis

this season with a leadership

## Freedom of The Press

in which they live, Jews by virtue of their religion and common ancestry.

This is a perfect statement. You can test it by substituting Irish, Polish, Italian or Czechoslovakian State for "Zionist State"; and correspondingly change "Jews" for any one of these national groups. In this way you will have a clear picture of our American Democracy.

Incidentally, for one who mouths patriotism as much as much as Elmer does, his name was conspicuous by its absence from the complete list of Jewish chaplains of World War II.

In closing, I'll venture a statement not a guess: That the one out of any ten Jews who have not understood the implications of the U. N. decision are the Elmers who follow the line of America Firster, Lessing-Rosenwald.

MANUEL M. POLIAKOFF  
Chaplain U. S. Army Reserve  
Baltimore.

## DEFENDS BBYO PALESTINE STATEMENTS; CHALLENGES ALPERT'S CRITICISMS

Editor, The National Jewish Post:

In reading the March 26 edition yet been enforced as it should of the National Jewish Post, I have been, we still cannot go can only come to this conclusion: If the world would be the way Carl Alpert wants it to be, it certainly would be a funny place in which to live.

In the first place, may I ask who is Carl Alpert, to decide the difference between the policy of B'nai B'rith and its youth organizations are trying so hard to overcome. And at the same time, we would not be doing anything to improve the situation in Palestine.

I strongly agree with Rabbi Prero's "Statement of Policy on Palestine Action." It is the policy for which the late Henry Monsky has stood for, and it is that same decision?

May I suggest that before Carl Alpert writes his next column, he should make sure that his statements don't sound like a policy dictated by mice ever since his death.

We all know that the late Henry Monsky would have been the last one to suggest a policy that would conflict with the constitution and laws of the United States.

We must not forget that we Jews are still a minority here in the United States, and despite the fact that the recent U.N. decision on Palestine has not as Ohio region.

PAUL J. HAAS  
Dayton, O.

Mr. Haas writes from a lengthy background in B'nai B'rith youth work. He has served as president and secretary of BBYM Gem City Chapter No. 20 since it was organized in 1945. He also is secretary of the Kentucky-Indiana

region.

## UNITY AMONG JEWS DESIRABLE, SAYS SHE, BUT NOT AT ANY PRICE

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Mr. Elihu L. Platt, of Washington, D.C., is right. Patience and human, and supposedly, humane. unity are excellent virtues indeed. And if we grow more and more impatient while wading endlessly in our people's blood and scorn the betrayers and the traitors, who among our own can take exception?

Mr. Platt is also right when he says that it is more important for a united Jewry to beat its enemies than to score a momentary victory over a rival faction. However, I seem to note that Mr. Platt deviates considerably from his own wisdom, by concentrating his main attack upon Carl Alpert. Does he, by any chance, disagree with Mr. Alpert? Otherwise, why the impatience? I wonder if Mr. Platt knows as much about the issues involved as does Carl Alpert . . . who for my money, is worth every penny.

LILLIAN REZNICK OTT  
Chicago

## Herzl Summer Camp Registration Started

Special

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Harry Rosenthal, president of the Herzl Camp Association, this week announced opening of registration

training course for young people.

The camp, located at Webster, Wis., is an outgrowth of efforts by Northwest Zionist groups to provide a summer vacation with an educationally Jewish program. Rabbi Walter H. Plaut of Beth El Center, Fargo, N. D., is executive director.

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## NEW YORK

M. Z. FRANK

S.S. VULCANIA, MARCH 21, 10:30 P. M., AS WE PASS THE AZORES—Yesterday morning, as I sat in my deck-chair David Simmons handed me the UP bulletin with the report of Uncle Sam's about-face. As soon as I was through with lunch, I walked over to first class, went to the dining room and looked up James G. MacDonald.

"I have been telling the Jews," he said, "that they need not depend on any government. What the Jews will create in Palestine, that will be theirs."

I knew before I left that an American proposal for a trusteeship was in the cards. It was supposed to be a trusteeship in order to implement partition as recommended by the UN General Assembly. Such was the story as told by Loy Henderson to a friend of mine who still trusts him. But according to the meager reports we get here on the boat (only the UP bulletins) this does not look at all like a scheme to help the Jews.

Well, there is little I can say from here in the way of political comment. So let's shmoose.

DAVID SIMMONS IS going across with his wife, Sonia Essin, who is to sing at La Scala in Milan in "Tristan and Isolde." She will sing the part of Brangaene, with Kirsten Flagstad singing Bruehilde. Quite a thing for an American singer, born in Tchernigov, who once sang in the choirs of the Free Synagogue (that's Stephen Wise) and of B'nai Jeshurun (Israel Goldstein) in New York, and who speaks Yiddish well. She was recommended to La Scala by Toscanini himself.

I SPOTTED JAMES MacDonald on Tuesday just as we got through waving goodbye to the people on the pier. He told me he was going to South Africa for the Keren Kayesod. The second class passengers were warned they could not go to the first class unless they were ready to pay the difference in the fare. Being a law-abiding citizen, I did not break the rules until there was provocation. I saw Mr. MacDonald twice already.

Even for a non-Jewish Zionist, he is remarkably well informed on Judaism and Zionism. Of course, I know some Jewish intellectuals who have read a book or two on Jewish subjects but most of them are not good enough Zionists for me.

I also know some better Jewish Zionists than those intellectuals but they haven't read what Mr. MacDonald has read. By the way, he reads the National Jewish Post when he gets a chance. He wonders what kind of a Jewish community is Indianapolis that has produced this publication. (The Post is also published in Louisville and St. Louis.—Ed.)

Indianapolis is one of the three Jewish communities in North America that this famous man has not had occasion to visit. The other two are San Antonio and Houston, for which he is definitely too much of a Jew.

HIS FATHER USED to say his prayers in Gaelic, he told me. "He was sure the Lord could only understand that language—Gaelic, not Hebrew," he smiled.

I wondered why the Jews in Palestine have made a greater success of reviving Hebrew than the Irish have in reviving Gaelic, despite the fact that the Irish had two distinct advantages: one, there were still whole sections of Western Ireland where the peasantry never ceased using Gaelic; two, the Irish, for 25 years, have had a government sponsoring the revival of their national tongue. When DeValera came to New York, he wore a red circle in his lapel as a sign he could be addressed in Gaelic.

In Palestine, Jews don't have to wear insignia to show they can speak Hebrew; it is taken for granted. I offered the following explanation: the Jews did not find in Palestine an established language and civilization as English entrenched itself in Ireland before the Irish Free State came into being; there were many scholars among the pioneers who went to Palestine; Hebrew was a necessary and logical unifying language for Jews who came from various parts of the world speaking differing languages.

Mr. MacDonald's explanations were: the Jews in Palestine had great leadership in the Hebraic rebirth; the Jews had no government in Palestine, so that Hebrew became the expression of Jewish national self-assertion.

MOST OF THE passengers are Italians from America going home for a visit. They have brought with them from the Italian provinces south of Rome, where the great cultural tradition of Italy never penetrated, a little of whatever Italian culture there was there. In America, in the hard struggle for existence and adjustment, even that little became obliterated, while the Americanism they acquired is of the crudest and shallowest type. So today, they can't even sing an Italian song in a half-decent manner, and they speak an atrocious English. But the butcher who made \$60,000 during the war is going home to Sicily to visit his old mother, after 27 years, and "I tell you, Frank," he says, "I am nervous, I can't sleep."

There are young American-born girls going to Italy to marry men they know only by correspondence. As often as not, the mother had to help the daughter compose a letter in Italian. I have met no American-born Italian who knows Italian well. At most, they have a smattering of whatever dialect—Sicilian, Neapolitan of Calabrese—they picked up at home, like our American Jews who pick up a bit of Yiddish at home. Some don't know any Italian at all. But they have family ties with Italy and maintain a certain interest in the country.

The American-born feel American and love America, despite the fact that they are not highly regarded by the Anglo-Saxon Americans. The consciousness of sectional origins and differences among the Sicilians, Calabrians and Neapolitans is stronger than among the Litvacks and Galicians among American Jews. The members of the crew and the few Italians of real Italian culture, especially those who come from the North, turn up their noses.

There seems to prevail a general feeling aboard that the Communists won't win in Italy.

## Jews in Sports

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By HASKEL COHEN



**F**RANK WALSH, basketball entrepreneur for the state of California—he runs the doubleheaders at the San Francisco Cow Palace—told us an amusing story about himself at the recent meeting of the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Frank has always associated with Jewish cronies. When he went to school at the University of Arizona he tried without success to join a Jewish fraternity. He still maintains that the boys in the frat discriminated against him because he was a non-Jew. When he was turned down, several of his friends offered to quit the house to form a new fraternity. Frank, however, prevailed upon his buddies to stay in the house. He made a deal with the boys to line up potential candidates for initiation. Prospective pledges were required to pay Walsh \$50 in return for a guarantee that they would be invited to join the fraternity. After the fees were paid, the boys were pledged but their initiation periods were so tough that the majority of the pledges quit the house in dismay.

Upon graduation Walsh wanted to stay in shape, so he joined an AZA chapter in order to play basketball. Registered under the name of "Dave Bergstein" he played with the AZA team in San Francisco and helped the club reach a regional tournament. An investigation of the AZA rolls revealed that Bergstein was a phony. Consequently Walshie was forced to leave the team.

The Frisco basketball man stayed in New York for three weeks covering two major basketball tournaments and the Olympic trials. Basketball people were amazed to hear this Irishman talk fluent Yiddish. In speaking to Jewish coaches Walsh invariably dropped into a Yiddish idiom which flustered the boys.

Thanks to the fine missionary work done by Walsh on his first trip east, basketball fans on the Pacific Coast will have the opportunity, next winter, of seeing New York's best ball players. Nat Holman has promised to bring his City College team to Frisco, with L.I.U. and N.Y.U. also sure bets to make the trans-continental trek. Walsh, who actually promotes for the state of California, which does not try to profit by the games, feels certain that City College will net \$15,000 for their four game series, two in Frisco and two in Los Angeles, against the best clubs on the coast. This is more money than New York schools take out of Madison Square Garden in ten games.

**A**FTER two years trying, Hank Greenberg has finally made the grade as a big league baseball mogul. The news of his acquiring stock in the Cleveland Indians is pleasing to his many friends who know how hard Hank has been trying to get into the big league ownership bracket. In all probability the move marks Greenberg's farewell to playing. Hank is too sensitive to take a salary away from a working ball player. He goes into the front office as a vice-president but will be available in the event Manager Lou Boudreau needs him for duty at first base or in the outfield.

**B**ARRISTER SOL STRAUSS, acting as promoter for the 20th Century Sporting Club, is tiffing with fight managers over the split of television fees. Managers have threatened to boycott the garden set-up unless they get a bigger cut of the video take. Oh, for the good old days of Mike Jacobs when things ran smoothly in the Garden boxing firmament.

**N**EW YORK hoop fans were thrilled to the core when home town favorite Lionel Malamed of City College was picked as the best player in the East-West charity game held at Madison Square Garden. Malamed guarded All American Murray Wier and held the Iowa star to one basket and three fouls. Malamed and the other stars were invited to play April 3rd at Denver. As a result Lionel turned down an offer from Abe Saperstein to tour the Hawaiian Islands for two weeks early in April. Lionel cannot take the additional time from his studies.

**I**T SEEMS a shame that the American game of basketball, in which many Jews participate, cannot see its way clear to placing a Jewish boy on the American Olympic team. At this writing, a day before the selections are made, only Adolph Schayes stands a remote chance of making the team and the betting is against that possibility.

## HUTCHESON FAVORS U.S. STAND; SAYS TRUSTEESHIP IS ANSWER

Special

**H**OUSTON, Tex.—Judge J. C. Hutcheson, Jr., who served as head of the American section of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry on Palestine, this week broke a long silence on the Palestine debate with a vigorous defense of the United States proposal for a trusteeship.

Recalling that the unanimous report of the Commission, which was scuttled by the British, had proposed exactly the same solution, Judge Hutcheson in a letter to the Houston Chronicle, asserted that the ancient history of both Jews and Arabs had no bearing on the issue. Hutcheson said that the rights and obligations of the Jew and Arab there, and the ob-

ligations of the world to support and defend those rights, derive entirely from the mandate and the history which has been and is being made under it."

He said that in backing trusteeship on the Commission of Inquiry he believed then and now that under such an arrangement the friction and hates of Jews and Arabs could be allayed and a unitary bi-national Palestine could in time be set up.

Touching the issue of immigration, he said that trusteeship would carry out provisions of the Mandate to provide "for facilitating Jewish immigration under suitable conditions."

The letter did not discuss the

## Shorts

**T**HE Detroit entry won the Mid-West Jewish Welfare Board basketball tournament at Canton, O., last week-end, defeating Schonthal Center of Columbus in the finale, 40-39. The winners scored their winning basket with but 35 seconds remaining. Richard Campbell, a non-Jew, who played with the Columbus entry, was named captain of the All-Star team. He was one of the stars of the tournament.

**S**ol Miskin, former minor league baseballer recently appointed baseball coach at City College New York is all excited over his team's chances. Among his candidates are Ernie Levy, a first baseman who batted .452 last season; Gene Stein, a pitcher; Hilti Shapiro and Milt Breenberg, infielders.

**D**an Forman may not be able to play basketball again. The NYU cage star has a sensitive sacroiliac. He didn't even dress for the NYU-Baylor game in the NCAA tourney.

**S**am Haber and Joe Samson of NY 92nd St. YMHA are rated No. 1 in the national four-walls handball rankings.

**M**aurice Marenberg, "Mr. B'nai B'rith Bowling" has published an attractive and informative report on the recent sectionals and national roll-off of the National B'nai B'rith Bowling association. Marenberg, often called the "daddy" of the NBBBA, is secretary of the association.

## Jewish Steel Plant In Biro-Bidjan Soon

National Jewish Post

**B**ALTIMORE—"You can expect a first-class Jewish steel industry" in Biro-Bidjan, in the Soviet Far East, by 1952, according to Jacob B. Aronoff, a vice-president of the American Biro-Bidjan Committee.

Described as "a strong democratic movement within the Soviet Union," Jewish colonization of Biro-Bidjan has produced "a growing and vital Jewish state," Aronoff declared in a talk here.

The area, he continued, has every mineral resource, timber and agriculture, and has developed furniture, textile, clothing and mining industries.

Proclaimed as the Jewish autonomous region on May 7, 1934, Biro-Bidjan now has 50,000 residents in the city of Biro-Bidjan alone, and received 2,000 immigrants during a recent month, Aronoff said.

## Dick Miles Cops 4th Tennis Title

National Jewish Post

**C**OLNMBUS, O.—Dick Miles of New York city won his fourth consecutive national table tennis championship here Sunday by defeating his fellow townsman, Martin Reisman.

Leah and Thelma Thall retained their women's doubles crown but both lost in the semi-finals of the women's singles.

Reba Monness, New York, lost in the championship match of the women's singles to Peggy McLean.

complete rejection by the Arab higher committee of any Jewish immigration and whether trusteeship could be implemented without use of the force which Judge Hutcheson considered a violation of the mandate and the charter, if used to enforce partition.

The jurist suggested that partition would still be possible under trusteeship.

## I Think As I Please

By CARL ALPERT

### Advice for the Nominating Committee

The name of the Training Bureau for Jewish Communal Service leaped up at me from a publicity release last week, and I scanned the item with eager interest. I found to my disappointment, however, that the course, sponsored by 11 national organizations as well as numerous local welfare funds and federations, is for the professional workers in the Jewish community, and is intended to train personnel for executive posts and specialized services with Jewish communal bodies.

That's just fine, but my momentary excitement was caused by the hope that perhaps something was at last being done to train lay leaders in the Jewish community, and prepare them for their duties and responsibilities. From the rabbinical seminaries and professional schools down, we have adequate educational facilities for the rabbis, the executive directors, the social workers, the teachers and the others who serve the community—and certain standards of education and experience are rightly set up to govern employment in these fields.

But in the far more important field of lay leadership there are no standards. A man may be elected president of a B'nai B'rith lodge because he has a high bowling score; he may be named to head a Zionist District because he personally collects the dues from a majority of the members; he may become a synagogue president as a form of insurance against heavy expenses. The criterion for election as president of a welfare fund is too well known to be repeated.

**W**HEN NOMINATING committees weigh the qualifications of a man for responsible position in the life of the Jewish community they ask: How much money does he have? Is he persona grata with the non-Jews? Is he a "regular guy?" Does he entertain at his home? Is his occupation "respectable?"

No one asks: How much Jewish education has he had? What is his philosophy of Jewish life? Does he know anything about Jewish history, about the organization and structure of the Jewish community, about ideological trends in Jewish life? There is considerably more interest in the liquor supply in his basement than in the number and type of books on his shelves.

**F**OR A MOMENT, then, I thought that the Training Bureau for Jewish Communal Service would meet the situation. Well, some day the need will be filled. The time will yet come, I hope, when no American Jew or Jewess will be considered qualified for any elective or appointive position of authority or responsibility in Jewish community life unless he shall have completed an accredited course in Jewish Communal Service.

The same high professional standards which we presently require of our rabbis, our doctors, teachers and lawyers, will yet apply to our shule presidents, our campaign chairmen and the members of local Boards of Jewish Education, varying only in degree. For it is too much to ask that these who aspire to lead the Jewish community should have at least the training and education and preparation for leadership?

Obviously the necessary training schools can not be set up in every community, but a basic correspondence course—a reading course—can be conducted centrally, and aspiring students can pursue their studies in the comfort of their own homes. Of course if bowling night conflicts with plans for reading Salo Baron's "The Jewish Community: Its History and Structure," Mr. Kial Tuer must simply make up his mind whether he wants to be a lodge bowling champion or a lodge president.

**P**ERHAPS THERE are some conscientious lay leaders who sense their own inadequate education and preparation for the positions of trust which they hold. If they cannot wait for the setting up of the formal courses which I suggest, I shall be glad to send them my recommendations for a course of voluntary home reading. I shall be glad to hear, as well, from ambitious vice-presidents, politically minded board members and others who wish to serve the community in one capacity or another. Their desire to serve must be qualified only by the desire to serve well.

## SCHULTZ CHARGES REDS PLAN PHONEY U. S. PROTEST MARCH

Special

**N**EW YORK—The American Jewish League Against Communism charged this week that a Communist-front group will lead "an alleged pilgrimage" Thursday to protest U. S. scuttling of the Palestine partition decision.

Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, executive director of the newly-formed organization, said the "March on Washington" was a fraud, that it was not approved by the Zionist organizations and that it was

"simply a conspiracy to capitalize on grievances concerning Palestine."

Speaking before the B. C. Vladeck Forum here, Rabbi Schultz said the April 15 pilgrimage is under sponsorship of the "United Committee to Save the Jewish State and the United Nations."

He said the same group had picketed the White House March 24 and went to the office of Rep. Abraham J. Multer, D., Brooklyn, who ordered the group out as president.



## The Guide Post

A GUIDE OR AID FOR USE OF THE POST

By DR. GERSHON GELBART

### How To Be A Disloyal American

THERE must be, doubtless, many ways to be a disloyal American—not as many perhaps, as the Thomas Committee on Un-American Activities would have us believe. Still, the incidence of this disease in all walks of life, the military not excepted, has been fairly well established. This, despite the fact that no one sets out deliberately to be a disloyal American.

For a Jew there is one way that is especially easy—so easy, in fact, that not a few may drift into it all but unconsciously. And how horrified they would be, and how outraged, to find that someone dared to pin this label on them! The secret formula! Simply, by being a disloyal Jew.

A disloyal Jew may be said to be one who neglects to develop his Jewish personality, or to take his place in the Jewish community. By this failure he is guilty of helping rob America of one of its greatest resources—its human resources.

To be a disloyal Jew one need but follow one or more of these courses, listed here more or less haphazardly:

1. Fail to receive a Jewish education, or fail to give one to his children.
2. Be indifferent to events in Jewish life.
3. Give aid and comfort to the enemies of the Jewish people, by being "broadminded."
4. Rejoice over the failure of the U.S. Government to redeem its sacred pledges given to the Jewish people.

Young people are not immune from this virus. Youth is no excuse in this instance. In times of national emergency, it is precisely the young who are called upon to make the greatest sacrifices.

### Summer Jobs For The Right People

WITH Passover around the corner, the hot breath of summer is already upon our necks. To young people everywhere, this means vacation time, freedom from duties. Some few, of course, are contemplating these months earning money on some summer job. Many others, though, are planning to "take it easy."

Older boys and girls might do well to consider combining their free time in the summer with some form of service to their communities, a combination not necessarily devoid of monetary compensation. Every Jewish community is crying for young people in connection with its camping program. Junior counselors and counselors-in-training are needed wherever a community is planning summer activities for its young.

The financial returns from a job of this kind may not be comparable with a summer job in business or industry. Selling ice cream, waiting on tables in a resort hotel, or clerking in a five-and-ten store may net more cash. But then something is to be said for the more indirect benefit to be derived from a job in a camp. The reference is not only to the sense of satisfaction which comes from the performance of a public service. Many young people realize that camp discipline, camp skills, camp experiences are rich in items that go into the building of finer and more alert personalities, not only in campers but in counselors as well, and indeed in everybody around a camp. Such training is bound to pay big dividends later on.

Your community center or YMHA, your bureau of Jewish education, your synagogue, may be straining their eyes this very minute looking for someone just like you. They need you to enable them to carry on their program this year. But they are on the look-out for you also as a potential leader in your community, a young man or woman with personality, with intelligence, with a sense of responsibility.

And even if you need a job that pays, you may do well not to overlook a camp job as a possibility. If, on the other hand, your basic interest is in the amount you are going to make, the job is not for you. Or rather, you are not for the job.

### Tel Aviv Lone Port; Sabbath Work O. K.

Special

NEW YORK—Violence in Palestine has closed all ports but Tel Aviv to Jewish shipments, according to Moshe Pomrok, representative of the Palestine Maritime League in this country. Harbor facilities are jammed up in Haifa because of the difficulties of transshipping Jewish goods, and as many as 44 ships can be waiting to unload at one time, Pomrok said in a report to Edward A. Norman, president of the American Fund for Palestine Institutions.

"Immediate expansion of harbor and storage equipment at Tel Aviv is needed to relieve a critical situation," Pomrok said. "It's the only port where goods can be unloaded and cleared for Jewish consignees."

Supplies of building materials urgently needed in the settlements and grains are stored in mixed Jewish-Arab areas or on the outskirts of the town; some have been burnt out and some are accessible only under great difficulty. During the past few weeks ships carrying even small cargoes of between 100 and 400

tons have had to wait for four to six days for their turn to unload.

Though the port of Tel Aviv is heavily taxed, because of the slowdown in Haifa, the management of the port has taken steps to meet the problems of unloading 20 ships a day. New tugs and lighters and three mobile cranes have been added to the port equipment. Four large warehouses with a storage capacity of about twenty thousand tons are being erected.

In view of the present emergency, the Chief Rabbinate has allowed the discharge of food consignment and medical supplies on Saturdays and workers have agreed to work on the Sabbath.

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### PRINCE IN A SPICE SHOP

**I**N THE kingdom of Granada, during the golden age of Spain, there was a learned young Jew named Samuel, who earned his living by keeping a small spice shop. Close by was the palace of the Caliph's prime minister or vizier.

One day some of the vizier's servants came into the spice shop and asked Samuel to write petitions to the vizier for them. Samuel did so. The vizier noted the beauty of the petitions and asked who had written them.

He stopped in the shop and became acquainted with Samuel. As their acquaintance progressed, the vizier became more and more impressed with Samuel's ability and at last he said.

"Samuel, you do not belong in a spice shop. You shall come to the palace and be my secretary." Samuel not only became the vizier's secretary but his adviser on all important matters. The vizier loved and honored the young man and gave him his trust.

It happened that the vizier became very ill. Before he died, he said to the Caliph. "You have often praised my wisdom in handling the affairs of state. Know then, Sire, that one of my secretaries, Samuel Ibn Nagdela, has advised me in all matters. I commend him highly to Your Excellency."

From "Child's History of Jewish Life," by Dorothy F. Zeligs.

### How To Join The Junior Post League

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## Science Examines The Jew

## CAN YOU TELL A JEW FROM LOOKING AT HIM? RESEARCH DOESN'T HELP

This is another in a new series to be presented weekly by the National Jewish Post in which will be offered popularized reports of the investigations of social scientists on the many phases of the relations of Jews to each other and to their non-Jewish environment. We invite our readers comments on "Science Examines the Jew."

By BEN GALLOP

THE ancient question about whether a Jew can be identified from his physical appearance—which still provokes arguments after reverberating down the centuries of Jewish-Gentile relationships—has been submitted to some research probing. The results are a little confusing.

Frederick H. Lund and Wilmer C. Berg of Psychology Department of Temple University, set out to learn the "certainty with which these assumed characteristics can or cannot be identified." Their findings are reported in the August, 1946, Journal of Social Psychology.

**Interested in Definite Groups**

Their study was interested mainly in the possibility of identifying definite nationality groups from physical appearance—for instance, British, Italian, Polish, Russian, German and Scandinavian.

While they were at it, Lund and Berg also tried to learn whether the same judges could pick out Jews and non-Jews in the same groups just from looking at them and listening to them talk. This phase of the study was based on the argument that conversion has featured the rise and spread of Christianity but has largely been absent in the case of Judaism.

Consequently, say the psychologists, "certain physical traits would seem to distinguish the Jews" because Jews are largely of Semitic and East European origin. The authors then set down the argument that "writers on the subject of nationality and nationalism observe that Judaism is not merely a religious faith but a form of nationalism"

(American Council for Judaism, please note.)

The subjects were 1,075 elementary school pupils, 1,150 high school pupils and 650 college students, all from the Philadelphia-Camden area "where most of the European nationality strains found in this country are fairly well represented."

Twelve college students and six high school and college instructors were the judges. Lund and Berg do not indicate any interest in the intriguing question: Were any of the judges Jewish?

Each of the subjects filled out a data sheet for Lund and Berg which the judges of course did not see. Then each subject walked through two rooms.

**First, Appearance Only**

In the first room, the subject was judged as to nationality origin, European background and Jewishness on the basis of physical appearance only. In the second room, the subject was asked some questions so the judges could add what they learned from the subjects' manner of speech to their judgments on physical characteristics.

The findings are presented in tables which—despite the psychologists' nationalism approach—they labeled "Judgment of Religious Affiliation"—one table for appearance alone and one table for appearance and speech.

**The tables indicate that the judges picked out Jews and Christians with considerable accuracy but the psychologists are dubious about the results. They reported:**

"While out of the total number of judgments, 86.9 per cent and 87.3 per cent were correct, respectively, for appearance alone

and for appearance and speech, it cannot be concluded that these figures are representative of the degree of identifiability that actually exists." They indicate that a more conservative figure would place identifiability at 65 or 70 per cent, which is still well above chance. (On a pure guess, a judge would rate a subject as Jew or Christian with 50 per cent accuracy).

The researchers say that the averages for the two groups—around 90 per cent for the Christians and 48 per cent for the Jews—"are probably as misleading as are the total averages."

The reason? Obviously, if the figures—90 per cent and 48 per cent—are taken at face value, it would mean that "whereas the Christians can readily be distinguished from the Jews," in the same mixed group, "the Jews cannot as readily be distinguished from the Christians," which presumably doesn't make sense.

**Some Groups Preferred**

Part of the answer may be found in what Lund and Berg called "preferential allocation," which is a tendency on the part of the judges to place all doubtful cases in the group "which is numerically or otherwise favored," in this case, the non-Jews.

**The psychologists worked out what they called confusion indices to measure statistically the amount by which their judges failed to make accurate judgements. These indices reveal that for every Christian called a Jew, there were nine Jews who were called Christians."**

The authors say that all who were identified as Jews actually were Jews (presumably by their own statement on the data sheets; Lund and Berg do not indicate whether they are aware of the existence of runaway Jews who prefer not to admit the connection) and that the rest were labeled Christians.

They conclude that "it would follow that less than half the Jews possess, to an identifiable degree, the so-called 'Jewish traits.'

## Parley on Lag of Jewish Law

### Behind Need Ducks Issues

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—If you were a Jewish woman who lost your husband in military service, and you could not prove he was dead, would you feel free to consider re-marriage?

Under Jewish law, you would be an Agunah and forbidden to remarry, which represents one of the conflicts between Jewish law and modern conditions for which 160 Conservative rabbis met in a conference here.

The conference at the Jewish Theological Seminary brought forth some committees but no positive effort to tackle the issues squarely.

**The consensus of discussion on the problem of the Agunah was that the rabbinate was powerless to do more than interpret the law with lenience. The conference added, however, that Jewish marriage laws as they exist today are flexible enough to prevent undue hardship for the Agunah.**

"Those who wish to modify the marriage law by new and radical legislation must recognize that legislation requires authority, which we have not and which no other existing body of rabbis can now claim," the conference said.

**Law Cannot Be Changed**

"Without authority, one can defy the law but cannot change it," the conference added. "The woman who marries a second husband without a Get from her first does not change the law; the rabbi or group of rabbis who sanction it, with as little authority as the woman has, are equally violators of the law, not legislators."

Rabbi Louis Epstein and other speakers expressed the hope that in the new Jewish state a supreme judicial body would develop which would have the power to make "our holy laws operative in the life of a normal people."

But other speakers expressed

fears that even this hoped-for judiciary would lack understanding of the problems of the traditional Jew outside of Palestine clearly enough to solve present-day conflicts.

Further discussion of the issues was made by Rabbi Boaz Cohen, JTS associate professor of rabbincics and chairman of the Rabbinical Assembly's committee on Jewish law, and Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, spiritual leader of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism.

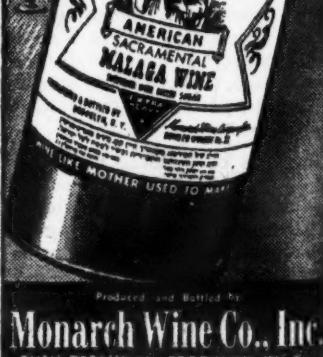
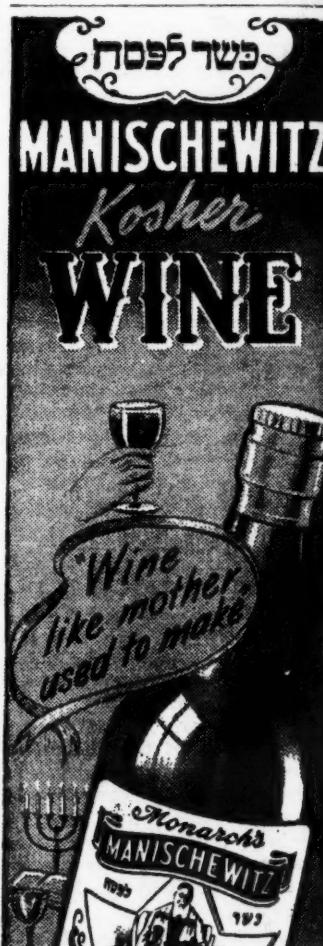
**Academic Exercise**

Rabbi Cohen argued that Jewish law can be changed only through interpretation but Rabbi Eisenstein said that talk about whether laws or interpretation are the answer is "just so much academic exercise until some framework is established in which the law can function."

Committees to formulate proposals for dealing with the Jewish Academy suggestion, the Agunah problem and the development of a system of Conservative religious practices, among others, were named. They will report to the Rabbinical Assembly convention in Chicago May 16-19.

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## SOUTH AMERICAN JEWS RUSHING TO GET U.S. PASSPORTS, REPORT

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A "striking number" of applications by South American Jews for passports to the United States was listed as one of the events which have shaken the sense of security of Jews in the Western Hemisphere, in the opinion of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

Rabbi Lookstein, acting president of the Mizrachi Organization of America, addressed a closed meeting of religious-Zionist executives. He expressed concern over the following events:

1. President Truman's tacit rejection of the Jewish vote by abandoning the partition program despite all protests and pressures;

2. Rep. Clare Hoffman's proclamation in Congress that "we are not going to war for any minorities";

3. The B'nai B'rith report on increasing Anti-Semitism in the U. S.;

4. The upsurge of Anti-Semitism among American troops in Germany as recently reported in a survey;

5. South American Jewry's uneasiness as seen in the striking number of their applications for passports to America;

6. The resurgence of fascist tendencies, mainly of the anti-Jewish variety, as witnessed in the recent Easter parade in Bolivia.

Attempts to establish an Arab-Jewish truce succeeds, were seen in what are believed to be inspired reports appearing in London newspapers.

## GERMAN JEWS FLED FROM JUDAISM, FATHERS BAPTIZED YOUNG-LIPTZIN

The National Jewish Post this week presents another excerpt from Solomon Liptzin's study of the struggle of the German Jew before Hitler. "Germany's Stepchildren" has been widely praised as a profound study of the apostasy of brilliant Jews in Germany. (Copyright, 1944, Jewish Publication Society of America).

By SOLOMON LIPTZIN

Flight from Judaism, which set in at the close of the eighteenth century, showed no sign of abating through much of the nineteenth. A veritable epidemic of baptism swept the Jewish communities of Germany.

As early as 1810 the Prussian king had to take steps to slow down the rate of conversions, which threatened to deprive the royal treasury of valuable special taxes levied upon Jews. A decree was issued forbidding parents to baptize Jews, unless these could produce a police statement certifying to the seriousness of their intentions.

The procession to the cross was begun by the financial aristocracy and the intellectuals. The lower bourgeoisie followed. The will to complete assimilation was so strong among the emancipated Jewish youth that not even threatened disinheritance prevented sons from embracing Christianity and thus meeting their fellow Germans on an equal footing.

Many a father had his children baptized during their minority, though he himself might refrain from submitting to this rite. Baptism was not regarded as apostasy but as a corollary of assimilation.

The Jewish father of Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy explained to his children that he raised them as Christians because this religious form was common to most educated people and hence a social necessity. He himself hesitated to desert the faith of his ancestors, but was urged to do so by his brother-in-law Salomon, who had taken on the name of Bartholdy at the time of his conversion.

"You say, you owe it to the memory of your father—do you really think you did something wicked when you gave your children the religion which you regard as better for them? It is rather a form of homage which you and all of us are rendering to the efforts of your father in behalf of true enlightenment. He would perhaps have acted as you did for your children and I for my person. One can remain true to an oppressed, persecuted religion, and can even force it on one's children with the prospect of a lifelong martyrdom—as long as one regards it as the sole means of salvation. But to do so, when one no longer believes this is barbarism."

When Dorothea Schlegel, in her missionary zeal, suggested to her sister, Henriette Mendelssohn, providing America's at-

## Will British Stay? Papers Hint Yes

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON—The first indication that Britain may agree to share responsibility with other nations in administering Palestine under United Nations sponsorship, providing America's at-

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